

**Existing Parcels** 

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## SIGNIFICANT BUILDINGS / STES

HERNDON BUILDING / ATLANTA LIFE SALES OFFICE
One of the most important commercial office buildings on Auburn Avenue, built by Atlanta Life Insurance founder Alonzo Herndon. At one point contained the Hotel Roxy as well as offices for other Sweet Auburn entrepreneurs including impresario B. B. Beamon.

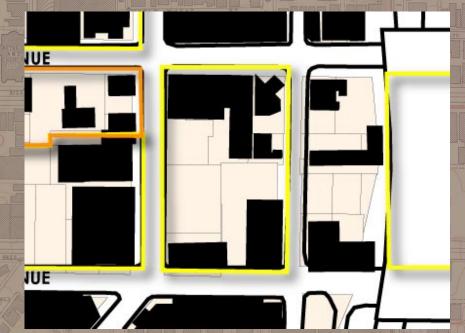
SERVICE STATION / PAL'S DRY CLEANERS
Essentially intact gasoline filling station from the mid1920s, designed in a 'domestic' style representative of popular taste of the era.

A&P BUILDING

Early chain grocery story supplementing products available across Edgewood at the Atlanta Municipal Market; its 1940s exterior is largely original.

# HISTORIC NARRATIVE

CATALYTIC PROJECT SIX IS ONE OF THE MOST HISTORICALLY IM-PORTANT PROJECTS IN SWEET AUBURN IN THAT IT PROPOSES REBUILDING THE INTERIOR OF THE HERNDON BUILDING AND RESTORING THE LANDMARK FA-ÇADE. THE HERNDON BUILDING, ALONG WITH THE ODD FELLOWS BUILD-ING ACROSS AUBURN AVENUE, FORMED THE NUCLEUS OF 'DOWNTOWN' SWEET AUBURN AND CONTAINED OFFICES OF THE COMMUNITY'S MANY PROFESSIONALS AND CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE ATLANTA URBAN LEAGUE. THE BUILDING ITSELF WAS DESIGNED BY ENTREPRENEUR ALONZO HERNDON, WHO ALSO MANAGED AND SUPERVISED CONSTRUCTION. NOT SURPRISINGLY, THE ADJACENT THREE-STORY BUILDING HELD SALES OFFICES FOR ATLANTA LIFE INSURANCE, HERNDON'S COMPANY. OTHER TENANTS INCLUDED THE ATLANTA SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK AND THE NIAGARA MOVEMENT, THE PRECURSOR TO THE NAACP. THE BLOCK CONTAINING THE HERNDON BUILDING IS RICH IN OTHER HISTORIC RESOURCES, SUCH AS A 1920s FILLING STATION THAT WAS PAL'S DRY CLEANERS IN THE 60'S AND 70'S; ACE TAXI SERVICE, NOW ACE BAR-B-QUE BARN; AND THE EDGEWOOD AVENUE A&P GROCERS, NOW A PAWN SHOP.





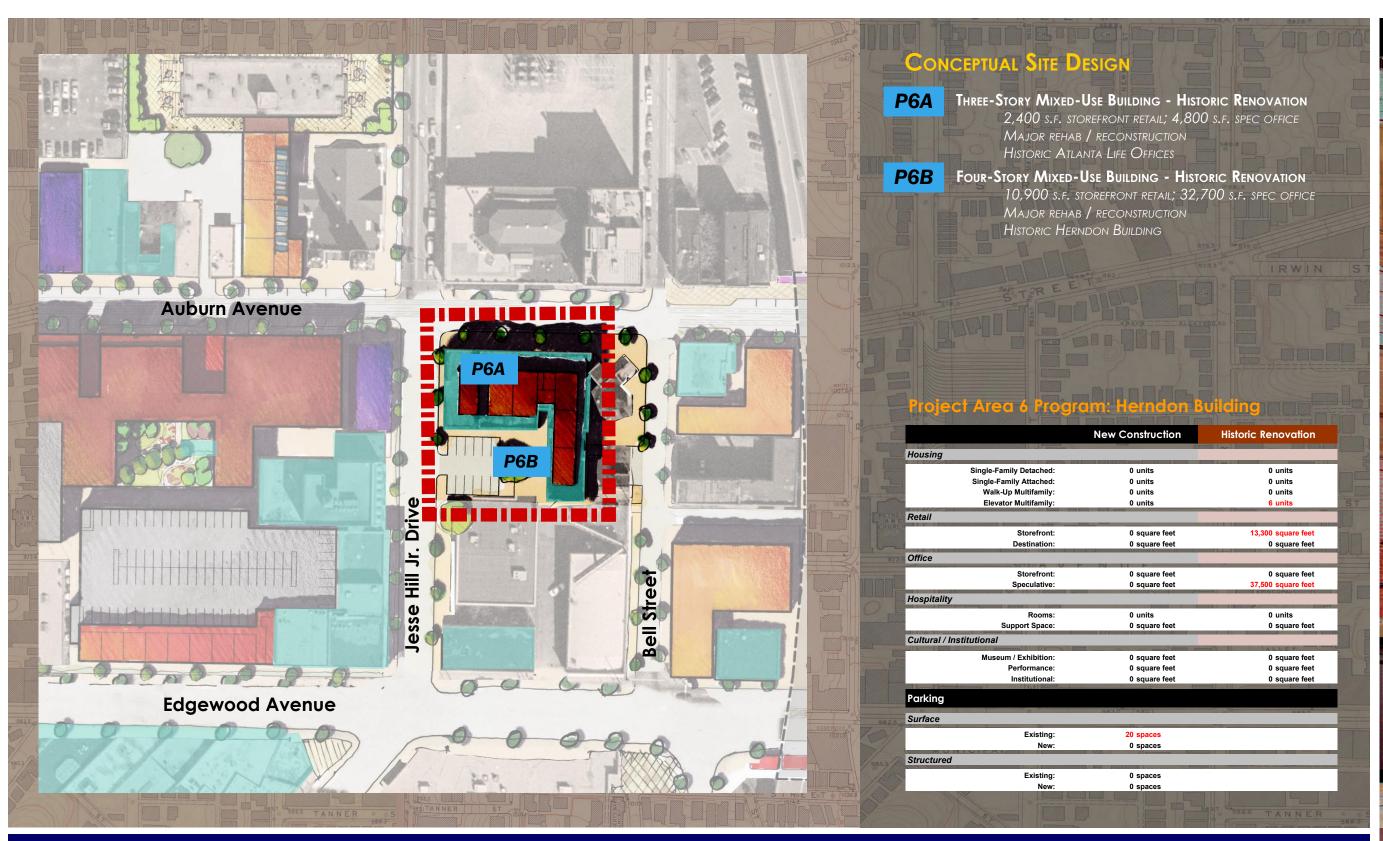
# PROJECT AREA VIEW



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#### BUILDING ARTICULATION VIEW



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Project Area 6: Herndon Block

The Herndon Building is the single most important preservation target among all the catalytic redevelopment projects. It has been allowed to fall into such disrepair that now portions of the roof have collapsed and most, if not all, the windows are missing. Yet, despite the building's forlorn appearance, it's value as a link to Sweet Auburn's past is overwhelmingly acknowledged by the community. At a minimum the façade requires preservation, including restoring historic windows and providing compatible replacements where they are missing. Other features such as the fire escape on the eastern façade are important details that provide depth and authenticity to the Auburn corridor; these should be preserved as well. The proposal for the adaptive reuse of the Herndon Building therefore calls for the rebuilding of the internal portions of the structure with new construction and the preservation of the

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Catalytic Project 6 - Herndon Block Building Envelopes / Articulation

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#### **PROJECT SUMMARY: PROGRAM and RESULTS**

#### Project Area 6: Herndon Building

PROGRAM COMPONENTS	ANTICIPATED SALE/RENTAL RATES												
	ľ	Market Rates			Rate for IRR		Recommended Rates						
			Per SF/Space*	<u> </u>	Price/Rent	Afford Index		<u>Minimum</u>	E	Per SF/Space*		Price/Rent	Afford Index
Multifamily Sale Units	-	\$	175.00	\$	192,500		\$	181.00	\$	200.00	\$	220,000	
Multifamily Rental Units	-	\$	1.20	\$	1,200		\$	1.20	\$	1.20	\$	1,200	
Rehab Lofts - Sale	6	\$	150.00	\$	165,000	Mid	\$	156.00	\$	175.00	\$	192,500	Low
Rehab Lofts - Rental		\$	1.20	\$	1,200		\$	1.20	\$	1.20	\$	1,200	
Retail SF	13,300	\$	22.00				\$	20.50	\$	22.00			
Office SF	37,500	\$	20.00				\$	18.50	\$	20.00			
Institutional SF		\$	15.00				\$	13.50	\$	15.00			
Cultural SF	-	\$	15.00				\$	13.50	\$	15.00			
Deck Parking Spaces*	*	\$	75.00				\$	75.00	\$	75.00			
Surface Parking Spaces*	20	\$	75.00				\$	75.00	\$	75.00			
Total Parking Spaces*	20	\$	75.00				\$	75.00	\$	75.00			

ANTICIPATED PROJECT TIMEFRAME:	1-3 Years = Near Term
ANTICIPATED LAND COST per ACRE:	\$ 923,684 per Acre

TOTAL DEVELOPMENT COST:	\$ 8,293,203
SUPPORTABLE TAD BONDS:	\$ 810,939

PROJECT UNLEVERAGED INTERNAL RATE OF RETURN									
Project Return Goals		Project Component	At Mark	et Rates	At Recommended Rates				
	Unleveraged	A S S S S	IRR	<b>Goal Result</b>	IRR	<b>Goal Result</b>			
	Return								
Minimum	10-15%	Rental Properties	14.05%	Minimum	14.05%	Minimum			
Mid	15-20%	Condo Properties	5.84%	No	23.25%	High			
High	20%+	Combo: Approach	13.58%	Minimum	14.58%	Minimum			

# PROJECT AREA 6: HERNDON BUILDING

CURRENTLY FAVORABLE LAND PRICES SHOULD HELP SUPPORT A REASONABLE RETURN FOR THIS PROJECT. RENOVATION COSTS THAT ARE SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN NEW CONSTRUCTION COULD THREATEN ADEQUATE INVESTOR RETURNS. THE PROJECT WILL NEED TO SECURE CONVENIENT OFF-SITE PARKING TO SUPPORT BOTH ITS RETAIL AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, ITS OFFICE COMPONENTS. THE HERNDON BUILDING MAY WORK BEST AS A HIGHER-END "TROPHY" MXD, WITH RATES SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN MARKET.

In fact, given the volatility of restoration costs in a project this small, one may conclude that only with above-market condominium sale prices – projected at \$175.00 per square foot versus \$150.00 market rate – can the Herndon Building achieve financial viability.

